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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Steven HD Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 178 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 178 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 7/3/06. Claims 27, 165-177, 179-181 and 184 have been canceled and claims 178 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claim 178 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for providing a directory server which designated as master database and using the master database to create the slave databases; then using the database for routing the telephone calls, does not reasonably provide enablement for designating a master and slaves database and creating Objects ... to create the directory server during the step of providing a directory server, creating the databases of lines 6-8 and these steps will happen each time a user making a telephone call . The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Line 14-18, “the step of ... the directory ... to create the directory server”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claim 178 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Curry (USP 6078582).

Curry discloses a method of operating a communication system having a plurality of gateway networks (Fig 6, Ref 72) coupled to an internet protocol (IP) network (Fig 6, Ref 74) and to a public switched telephone (PST) network (Fig 1, Ref 41) to route a telephone call over the IP network (Fig 1), the method comprising steps of providing a directory server (Fig 1, Ref 80); accessing the directory server to create a plurality of gateway databases (Fig 7, Ref 120 is an image of a database of the directory server), each gateway database associated with one of the plurality of gateway networks (Fig 7, Ref 120 or Fig 8, Ref 80) and each gateway database comprising a list of telephone numbers that each of the plurality of gateway networks will accept; connecting a user to one of the plurality of gateway networks via a calling telephone; accepting a telephone number entered by the user; accessing the gateway database associated with the gateway network to determine which of the plurality of gateway networks will accept the telephone number entered by the user; and routing the telephone call from the calling telephone over the IP network (Fig 9 discloses receiving a telephone number, querying the database for IP address of destination gateway and routing the call to the destination via IP),

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designating one of the plurality of gateway databases as a master database (Fig 6, Ref 80 is a master database for gateway); designating the remaining gateway databases as slave databases (Fig 7, Ref 120 is slave database of each gateway); and creating within a schema of the master database objects representing components of the communication system to create the directory server (Fig 6, Ref 80 implicitly discloses the master database objects that used to create database for directory server).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Scott (USP 56491950) discloses a method and system for synchronizing master and slave databases.

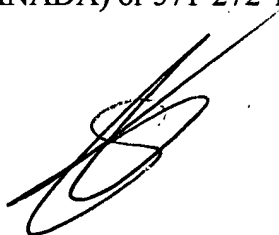
Hogan (USP 6016343) discloses a method and system for synchronizing master and slave databases.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven HD Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3159. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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